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## **CRP CONVENTION REPORT: LOTS OF GOP UNITY??**

Editor's note: The Calif. Republican Party held their early spring convention in Burlingame last week. Here is CALPEEK's report & analysis...

...Why did Gov. Pete Wilson's reelection team like this Feb. 25-27 CRP convention so much?? Answer: because for the first time in about 3 years hardline conservative delegates who control the party were not out to bash him. In fact, hardliners were very respectful in dealing with Wilson. They still don't love him, but they were **not** out to get him at this convention. The CRP's very capable press secretary, John Allan Peschong, put the appropriate spin on the 3-day gathering: "A GOP Woodstock *without* MUD."...

...On the surface, the CRP does seem more unified than in any time in the past 4-years. The CRP's chair, Dr. Tirso del Junco, said, "We're so unified it's pathetic." Whether all this unity will last through November remains to be seen. But for Wilson, who officially kicks off his reelection Mar. 8 with a two-day, 7-city tour, this CRP convention was *near perfection* and was a far cry from the days when Jim Dignan was CRP chair...

...Was it all unity?? At first glance, yes. But bubbling just below the surface on *low heat* there were signs of the same old feuds and distrust between Republican moderates and the hardline conservatives over the hot button social issues...

...Some examples of this tension were evident on the last day of the convention when delegates were voting on resolutions. The overall tension got high when a hardline **PRO-life** resolution won approval from delegates. The delegates also approved a resolution declaring "*the right to bear arms supersedes the power and authority of any government.*" Delegates also OKed a resolution supporting the "3 Strikes" Initiative

by Mike Reynolds. However, some GOP sources think the delegates went overboard when they approved a resolution *supporting* the recall of State Sen. David Roberti. (See next story). Bottomline is this: while the hardline conservatives were polite to Wilson and thus the image of unity prevailed, the pro-life and pro-gun resolutions could come back to haunt the Republicans in the fall campaign, especially if they approve these same types of resolutions at their next convention...

...FYI: RINO is the new buzz word to come out of the CRP convention. It means Republican In Name Only. GOP consultant Bob Nelson, who was Pres. Bill Clinton's nat'l director of Republicans for Clinton, was a RINO target, as were GOP controller candidate John Morris and U.S. Senate candidate Michael Huffington. Some delegates even wanted to censure Morris for his past contributions to Demos, but that resolution was soundly defeated. Stay tuned...

## **CRP VOTES TO SUPPORT RECALL OF SEN. ROBERTI**

Editor's note: Delegates to the Calif. Republican Party convention in Burlingame on Feb. 27th approved a resolution to support the April 12th recall of State Sen. David Roberti (D-Van Nuys). The recall is now getting national news media attention. Here is CALPEEK's report & analysis...

...Resolution #37, which advocated the recall of Sen. Roberti, was the brainchild of GOP activist John Stoos of Sacramento, who also happens to be the executive director of Gun Owners of Calif., one of the groups that was outraged by Roberti's authorship of a 1989 bill to ban assault weapons. For Stoos, the approval of this resolution was a major coup, because it means the underfunded recall **may** now get some CRP help...

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...How will this CRP action impact on Roberti? It's too early to tell and much would depend on whether the CRP decides to pump in major funding to support the recall. So at least until Mar. 11th (the filing deadline), Roberti is still on track to run for treasurer. Nevertheless, it's still nervous time for BoE chair Brad Sherman (D), because Roberti also filed for his BoE seat. Opinion is divided as to what Roberti will do --- and there's even some thought that he may just not run for anything, although that seems unlikely...

...While Stoos and the original pro-gun/recall coalition may be thrilled with the CRP's new official stand, not all Republican officeholders share this enthusiasm. Some GOPers know this recall can be a **two-edged sword** because moderate GOP women, for example, are not comfortable with the pro-gun positions of hardline conservatives. And in fact, GOPers who have gone on the record in favor of the CRP resolution could be faced the charge that they are *in bed with the pro-gun forces who spearheaded the recall*. And for those who claim to be fiscal conservatives, they face the charge that this recall will cost L.A. Co. taxpayers \$1 million (funds the county doesn't have) and it's unnecessary because term limits force Roberti out of the senate this year anyway...

...Those statewide GOP candidates who **support the CRP recall resolution** include LG candidates Stan Statham and Cathie Wright; controller candidates Tom McClintock and John Morris; and treasurer candidate Matt Fong. Gov. Pete Wilson, AG Dan Lungren and SOS candidate Bill Jones have "no position" on the recall. And GOP Senate Leader Ken Maddy also has taken a "no position" on the recall, but is **opposed** to any CRP funding for the recall...

...FYI: The "Beat The Recall" campaign will hold a Mar. 10th \$250 per person dinner at the Biltmore Hotel, with special guest Sarah Brady. The dinner committee includes mostly Demos, lots of union support, a smattering of Hollywood types (Lew & Edie Wasserman are dinner co-chairs) and one lone, GOP State Senator -- Bob Beverly. Jill Barad & Assoc. are coordinating the event (818)906-0960. Stay tuned...

#### **CA INITIATIVE UPDATE: GANN'S TAX PLAN READY.**

Editor's note: Although we've written about this in previous issues of CALPEEK, the "Taxpayers Consent Act" is now ready for circulation. Here is our report, plus an update on the Mobilehome Rent initiative now in circulation...

● **"Taxes. Local Debt. Assessments. Initiative Constitutional Amendment,"** is the official title of a plan put forward by Paul Gann's Citizens Committee, now under the leadership of Paul's son, Richard. Gann needs to collect close to 1 million signatures in about 6 weeks time --- not impossible, but tough, if he is to make the November 1994 ballot. Gann calls his proposal the "Taxpayers Consent Act." If approved, it would require that all taxes imposed by local government, special districts or initiative need a majority vote for general taxes and a 2/3rds vote for special taxes. It also says that no local government or special district may create or incur debt without a 2/3rds vote. There are other provisions as well, but you get the general idea. Gann's organization says they've IDed 100,000 known petition circulators, plus his organization plans a mass mailing of 250,000 to 500,000 petitions. Gann's committee also has established a toll-free phone number 1(800)366-5373. To make the ballot, petitions will need to be turned in by April 15th...

● As CALPEEK reported last week, the Golden State Mobilehome Assn., which represents those who live in various mobilehome parks, has launched a campaign to defeat a campaign by mobilehome park owners to overturn various State and local mobilehome park rent control laws. The initiative now in circulation is titled, "Mobilehome Rent Assistance. Mobilehome Rent Control Restrictions." The proponents, Californians for Mobilehome Fairness, have hired the L.A. office of Stoorza, Ziehaus & Metzger to manage the campaign. Sources who are pushing the initiative claim that the paid circulation effort has brought in 70,000 signatures in the first two weeks of the drive. Stay tuned...

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## **1994: UPDATE ON RUN FOR STATEWIDE OFFICES**

Editor's note: Here are a few items of interest regarding the June 1994 primary...

● **Governor** - In case you missed it, a group called *Coalition for New Priorities* (the same labor coalition which ran those negative ads about Pete Wilson last year) has released a poll among 529 likely Demo primary voters. In a 3-way race, Kathleen Brown gets 44%, John Garamendi gets 24% and Tom Hayden receives 6%. In a Brown vs. Garamendi battle, Brown gets 48% to Garamendi's 26%. The poll was conducted by Mark Mellman of Mellman, Lazarus & Lake. The poll was taken between Feb. 15-20...

...Brown is in the midst of her 1st flight of TV ads --- a \$500,000 buy featuring "let's get tough on crime at school" and what her campaign calls "moving," which has a rebuild Calif. theme. Not bad, but sorta boring...

...Bad News/Good News for Garamendi: another negative story about his insurance department --- this time it's the cover story of Forbes and the subject is the Executive Life controversy. The story is called, "Smart buyer, dumb seller." The Good news: few voters will ever read the story, which is why the Brown campaign faxed this info to political reporters. In the meantime, Big John has really gone negative on both Brown and Pete Wilson, who both seem to ignore him these days...

...Hayden has set up a 1-800 phone number for his campaign --- just like Jerry Brown. The number is 1-800-940-VOTE. And on Century Cable TV's "Week In Review" show, Hayden said he may buy 15-30 minute "infomercials."...

● **Lt. Governor** - Demo Controller Gray Davis officially announced his candidacy for LG with a 2-day, 5-city announcement tour. He started off in L.A. and went to S.F. and Sacto on Mar. 2, followed by stops in Ontario and San Diego on Mar. 3rd...

● **Secretary of State** - Demo candidate Mike Woo has hired Trippi, McMahon & Squier to produce his media campaign. Joe Trippi is one of the best...

...As for Woo's chief rival, Acting SOS Tony Miller(D) has yet another court date with 3 candidates who are

followers of Lyndon LaRouche. Miller is challenging their ballot statements as "tainted with racism" and "outright false and misleading material." The court date is 2 p.m., Mar. 11. The 3 candidates battling with Miller are Ted Andromidas, a Demo running for the U.S. Senate; Mark Calney, a Demo running for governor; and Dave Kilber, who is running for Supt. of Public Instruction. They are running as a slate under the banner of "LaRouche Was Right."...

...And sources report that Assemblywoman Gwen Moore(D-L.A.) is circulating nomination papers and will remain in the SOS's race. Sources say she has hired Bragg, Maddox & Taylor as campaign her consultants...

● **Controller** - L.A. businesswoman Kathleen Connell made her official announcement with a two-day, 5-city tour. She started off in L.A. and hit Sacto and S.F. on Mar. 1 and traveled to Fresno & Bakersfield on Mar. 2...

● **Treasurer** - To no one's surprise, former CDP chair Phil Angelides has won the endorsement of CARAL. Stay tuned...

## **NUMBERS ASSIGNED TO JUNE BALLOT MEASURES.**

Acting SOS Tony Miller has assigned the following numbers for the June 1994 ballot:

- Prop. 175 - Renter's income tax credit
- Prop. 176 - Taxation: nonprofit organizations
- Prop. 177 - Property tax exemption. Disabled persons access
- Prop. 178 - Property tax exclusion. Water conservation equipment
- Prop. 179 - Murder: punishment
- Prop. 180 - Park lands, historic sites, etc. bond act

...The Earthquake Relief Bond Act is slated for the June ballot, but has yet to pass the Legislature. If it is approved, it will be placed at the end of the ballot...

## **EX TRADE REP. HILLS TO DISCUSS GLOBAL TRADE.**

Former U.S. Trade Rep. Carla Hills will discuss global trade and U.S. Interests, 11:45 a.m., Mar. 11, Sheraton Palace Hotel, S.F. Hills' speech is sponsored by The Commonwealth Club of CA. For info (415)597-6705...

**CALPEEK's ETCETERA: POLITICAL SHORT TAKES.**

Editor's note: Here are a few political items worth noting...

o **Torrance Mayor's Race** - Popular Mayor Katy Geissert is stepping down from office after serving 8 years. Two veteran councilmembers, 4-term member Bill Applegate and 2-term member Dee Hardison, are the only candidates for mayor in this Mar. 8th muni election. Hardison has the backing of Geissert, former Mayor James Armstrong, as well as a number of council colleagues. Applegates has support from former mayor Ken Miller, plus the key endorsement of the Torrance Police Officers Assn. Polling for Applegates (by Moore Infor-mation) shows that CRIME is the *number #1 issue* in L.A. Co.'s 3rd largest city. Sources in the South Bay rate the contest as very close...

o **3 Strikes Update** - Late word out of Sacto is that Gov. Pete Wilson has worked out a compromise between the authors of the 5 different "3 Strikes" anti-crime bills to roll the best and toughest provisions of each into one "Super 3 Strikes" bill...

o **Santa Barbara Term Limits** - County Sup. Ct. Judge Ronald Stevens has ruled that new elected Santa Barbara Mayor Hal Conklin must give up his post because he's in violation of the city's **term limit law**, which says that no one can serve more than 4 consecutive terms in elective office. Conklin had 5 terms on the council and is now in his 1st term as mayor. The city attorney plans to appeal to a higher court. Stay tuned...

**KATHLEEN BROWN SPEAKS TO PA OFFICERS IN L.A.**

Demo Kathleen Brown brings her campaign for governor to L.A. on Mar. 15 with a speech to the L.A. Public Affairs Officers Assn., 11:30 a.m., L.A. Hilton Hotel. For info and RSVPs, call Karen Legier at ARCO (213)486-1931...

**U.S. REP. HUFFINGTON TO ADDRESS LINCOLN CLUB.**

U.S. Rep. Michael Huffington(R-Santa Barbara) will address the CA Lincoln Club (San Gabriel Valley chapter) at 7:30 a.m., Mar. 18, Industry Hills Sheraton, City of Industry. For info & RSVPs, call Natalie Blanning at (818)919-7497...

**NEW JOBS, ADDRESSES AND PERSONNEL NOTICES.**

Editor's note: Here are some items to mark down in your notebook...

● Decision Research has relocated its San Diego office. The new address is 3911 Fifth Ave., Ste. 300, San Diego, CA 92103. New phone (619)682-5343...

● The Intern'l Assn. of Business Communicators (IABC) has presented a Crystal Award to the Sacto office of Stoorza, Ziegaus Metzger & Hunt and 4 Crystal Awards to Sacto-based McNally Temple Associates...

● Betsy Rosenberg has joined S.F.-based Kamer/Singer & Associates as an AE for health care clients...

● The DCCC's new Calif. coordinator is Karen Johanson, who was the political director at Emily's List in DC prior to this new job. She'll be HQed at the CDP's Sacto office (916)442-5707...

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● **LOCAL GOVERNMENT** Relations Director. The Western Mobilehome Parkowners Assn. (WMA), a State-wide property rights trade association, is seeking a Regional Representative for its San Diego/Imperial office. Responsibilities include: grass roots membership organizing; lobbying local governments on behalf of property rights, and candidate selection and recruitment. Position requires: B.A. in political science or a related field; demonstrated ability to be a self starter; five years direct political campaign experience; excellent written and verbal communication skills; and a demonstrated ability to organize. Some evening meetings and a fair amount of travel required. Starting salary \$46,000 plus travel allowance, health, dental, vision and retirement. Resumes to: John Bovee, State Director for Local Government, WMA, 1007 - 7th Street, 3rd Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814. NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE...

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